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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ferraro et al.
Serial No.: 09/713,476 **Group Art Unit:** 2671
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PETITION AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

PETITION

Applicants respectfully petition for a ONE month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 16, 2003. A check for the requisite fee is enclosed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Nearly three years ago, on February 16, 2001, applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment in the instant case amending claims 69, 78, 92, 105, 108, 126 and 133 and adding new claims 146 through 158. That Preliminary Amendment was received by the Patent Office on February 20, 2001. A copy of the papers as filed, and a copy of the return postcard bearing the OIPE stamp indicating receipt by the Patent Office on the above date, is enclosed herewith as Attachment "A".

The instant Office Action however, appears to only address the claims as originally filed in that it makes no mention of claims 146-158.

A few days later, on February 21, 2001, applicants submitted an IDS citing and providing 54 references for consideration by the Patent Office. That IDS was received by the Patent Office on February 26, 2001. A copy of those papers as filed (less the references cited therein), as well as a